

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of the above-identified application. The application was filed on May 31, 2001, and applicant's attorney has not received an additional Examiner's communication from the Patent Office since the Office action dated January 5, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,  
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